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The timely submission filed on March 27, 2008 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because:

Newly amended claims 1-4 and 6-9 are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons: The method for evaluating a gate insulation film characteristic is different from the semiconductor device as originally claimed. Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claims 1-4 and 6-9 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.

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